

May 6, 2016

City Council;

Today's memo includes information from the April 26th Council meeting. Highlights include:

- Teen Public Safety Campaign
- Alexander Street Code Enforcement
- Pinewell Station Update

Looking ahead, Chief Information Officer Steven Deberry has prepared a comprehensive overview of Norfolk's efforts to build a connected city. This overview includes how we're leading the region in connectivity and innovative technologies.

Norfolk's dog parks received top "barks" from The Trust for Public Land. Norfolk was named among of list of cities including: Portland, Oregon; Las Vegas, Nevada and Madison, Wisconsin as having the most dog parks per resident.





MEMORANDUM

TO:

City Council

FROM:

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COPIES TO:

City Clerk, City Attorney

SUBJECT:

Council Interests

DATE:

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Today's memo includes information and updates from the April 26, 2016 Informal City Council Session.

Public Safety Teen Programs: Through inter-department collaborations and partnerships in the community, the City continues to embrace the philosophy of the Public Awareness through Community Engagement (PACE) program. In addition, the police in partnership with Commonwealth's Attorney support Virginia Rules. This educational program is designed to help teens, parents and teachers understand the law and how it applies to them.

Alexander Street: Neighborhood Development staff conducted code enforcement sweeps in September and December 2015. On May 4, 2016, staff returned to Alexander Street. The street expands three blocks and during the inspection staff cited seven houses and vacant land for tall weeds/grass and trash/debris. Staff also spoke to several residents and educated them on code violations and how to report violations.

Pinewell Station: The rezoning for Pinewell Station is scheduled for your vote during the May 10th formal session. The developer has revised the project to accommodate the Navy's requirements as laid out in the Joint Use Study and Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ). The developer has also accommodated the civic leagues' requests including: maintaining live oaks trees, increasing green space, provide plenty of parking and adding pedestrian-friendly crossing improvements. In addition, the developer is providing funds to upgrade the beach facilities across the street.

Huntersville Community Updates: Chief Goldsmith has implemented additional patrols in the Huntersville community. Neighborhood Development will coordinate with the civic league prior to any code enforcement activities.

Community Cohesion: In their ongoing efforts to build trusting relationships in the community, the police encourage citizens to call if they are concerned about activities taking place in their community. Responding officers generally give a warning for loud, disruptive noise. Any criminal activity is addressed immediately.